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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. What country is governed by Socialists? C. H. C.

A. We know of none.

Q. Please tell me what day of the week March 22, 1870, was. H. M.

A. Tuesday.

Q. What is the value of 1853 quarter dollars? R. M. S.

A. If without the rays around the eagle, \$5.

Q. What days of the week were (1) June 10, 1867, and (2) August 9, 1847? R. Y.

A. (1) Monday and (2) Monday.

Q. Will you please tell me what "elastic currency" is? R. S. U.

A. A currency that will adapt itself to varying conditions of business, increasing or decreasing in bulk on demand.

Q. What is the meaning of "big scale" in music? F. I. B.

A. Probably major scale, the musical scales being classed as major and minor.

Q. Where can I write to get information about the Argentine Republic—climate, rainfall, etc.? A. Address the Pan-American Union, Washington, D. C.

Q. (1) What color is grass in a real dark place? (2) What day of the week did December 26, 1858, fall on? J. E. F.

A. (1) If deprived of light, grass would have no color. (2) Sunday.

Q. Is there a place known as the Thousand Islands? V. V. B.

A. The Thousand Islands is a group of small islands near the mouth of the St. Lawrence river in Canada.

Q. How many stars were there on the United States flag in 1812? O. D.

A. Fifteen. Congress fixed this number of stars, based on the number of States then in the Union, on May 1, 1795. It was not until 1818 that provision was made for adding a star for each State admitted.

Q. Did the English government hold any Boer prisoners in Bermuda? J. S.

A. We do not know. You can find out about it by addressing the secretary to the governor, Hamilton, Bermuda.

Q. Why does a Chinaman wear a queue? O. E. S.

A. He was taught to wear his hair down his back by the Manchus, about 250 years ago, who always let their hair grow long. Once a custom has been established, the Chinese cling to it tenaciously.

Q. (1) What is the longest distance one can telephone? (2) What is the correct pronunciation of "pecan"? K.

A. (1) One of the longest distances, the tones being perfectly distinct, is from Denver to New York. (2) Pe-can, the last syllable accented.

Q. Who will be the director of sculpture in charge of the decorations for the San Francisco exposition? A.*

A.* Address the Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, Cal., for available information.

Q. (1) What will be the length of the Panama canal? (2) In what church did Thomas Jefferson hold membership? P. B. C.

A. (1) Fifty miles, from deep water in the Caribbean to deep water in the Pacific. (2) Although Jefferson was a believer in Christianity, he was not a sectarian.

Q. A says we have no national hymn; B says we have two. If we have two, what are they? W. A. G.

A. We have no national hymn, but we have a national song. "The Star Spangled Banner" is the official air of both the army and navy, although "America" has its place in the programme.

Q. When "Anno Domini" is used,

does it mean the year of the birth of Christ or some later year? W. G. G.

A. It means the traditional year of the birth of Christ, or 754 years from the founding of Rome. Some authorities give the actual date of the birth of Christ as four years earlier, others make it seven years earlier than the above.

Q. (1) What is the origin of the grapefruit? Is it a natural fruit or is it grafted? (2) What is the value of the three-cent piece of 1865 and that of 1868? S. K.

A. (1) It is a separate species of citrus fruit, the name grape-fruit having been derived from a fancied resemblance of its flavor to that of the grape. (2) Of 1865, twenty-five cents; of 1868, thirty cents.

Q. From ninety-three to ninety-six parts of clean, fine sand, four to six parts of clay and a small proportion of charcoal for each 100 parts should be used. Sand containing lime, magnesia, manganese and other oxides of metal are not good for use in casting iron or brass, because it either is not porous or will not stand or retain its form. If the mould is made of sand that forms too close a texture, the metal may boil and thus spoil the casting.

Q. (1) Please give the names of the cabinet officers and the salaries they get. (2) What is the official title of the Honorable William Loeb, ex-secretary to Theodore Roosevelt? A. B. P.

A. (1) Secretary of state, Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania; of the treasury, Franklin MacVeagh of Illinois; of war, Henry L. Stimson of New York; attorney-general, George W. Wickersham of New York; postmaster-general, Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts; of the navy, George von L. Meyer of Massachusetts; of interior, Walter L. Fisher of Illinois; of agriculture, James Wilson of Iowa.

Q. Will you please tell me in what amounts pennies, nickels, dimes, quarter dollars, half dollars and dollars are legal tender? E. A. H.

A. We have no penny, the smallest coin being the cent. The one and five cent coins are legal tender up to twenty-five cents, and they are redeemable at the treasury in sums of \$20 or multiples thereof. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are legal tender up to \$10. Silver dollars are unlimited legal tender, unless otherwise specified by contract.

Q. Please give a formula for making moulding sand for brass castings. of commerce and labor, Charles Nagel of Missouri. Cabinet officers receive \$12,000 per year. (2) Collector of customs, port of New York.

Q. Will you please explain how the kings of England get their names? Why does not England have kings by the name of Frank as well as Edward or George? Is George V so named because he is the fifth George to be king? C. G. W.

A. The custom is in England, as elsewhere, to perpetuate family names. Edward is an old Anglo-Saxon name, and there have been seven Edwards on the English throne. George is of German origin. The first George to be king of England was of the house of Hanover and was born in Germany. His mother was a daughter of James I, and he gained the English throne through the Act of Settlement in 1701. Frank is a German name, but has not found its way to the English throne. William and Henry were ancient German names and were introduced by the Normans, as were Stephen, Charles and Richard. Before William the Conqueror's time, the English kings bore, generally, ancient Saxon names. George V is the fifth of his name to be king of Great Britain.

Q. Please give the facts concerning the different stages of transportation for immediate relief from corns, bunions or other feet troubles go to Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon-Chiroprapist, room No. 8, Trust Company building, —Adv.

on the North American continent?

J. R. B.
A. Goods were carried over turn-pikes, where they existed, in wagons, and on pack horses over the rough Indian trails where no road had been established, in the early days of the colonies. River transportation was used wherever possible, and coasting vessels carried a large proportion of the freight moving along the seaboard. It cost \$100 to move a ton of freight 300 miles in Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Spaniards had introduced the wheeled vehicle into the southwest. With the exception of the improvements in road-building, no change in transportation methods came until 1809, when a short horse railroad was built in Pennsylvania. The Baltimore & Ohio road tried running a little clashboard cabin on wheels, with a horse in a treadmill supplying the motive power. In 1829 the Stourbridge Lion was brought over from England and tried out by Horatio Allen of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. The locomotive was successful, and the steam railroad spread in all directions. The development of water transportation since Fulton ran his steamboat up the Hudson river has kept pace with land transportation.

Boy Scout News.

The Boy Scouts are being trained to prevent fire. The key word that is being emphasized by their scoutmasters is "care." Already the boys have been receiving instructions from fire chiefs throughout the country as to what to do in the event of fire and many boys have received for this work merit badges from the Boy Scouts of America. The leaders of that organization, however, realize that the Boy Scouts by fire prevention can save the country millions of dollars every year. They have directed James E. West, chief scout executive, to begin an educational campaign throughout the country to reduce the fire loss.

A scout belonging to Troop No. 4, Boy Scouts of America in Orange, did a good bit of scout work the other day. He was walking down Park street when he found a bunch of slate pencils. He figured that the pencils had been dropped by a child going home from school. Picking them up he walked a little further along and found another pencil lying in the new fallen snow alongside of the footprints of a child, which he took to be those of a girl. Following the footprints, he found that they turned into Park avenue, and then led to a house on that street. Going to the door, he inquired if a little girl lived there who attended school. He was told by the elderly lady who answered the door that there was. He then asked if she had lost some slate pencils and was told she had.

Solon H. Borglum famous sculptor whose statues of cowboys, Indians and bronchos have attracted great attention throughout the world has organized a troop of Boy Scouts in South Norwalk, Conn. He has the cooperation of Alfred Aiken and Arthur Sylvester.

A troop of four patrols under S. H. Jones of Sussex, New Jersey, which formerly was connected with the American Boy Scouts has received permission from National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America to join the latter organization. Jones has applied for a scoutmaster's certificate.

R. M. Jacobus, scoutmaster in Orange, has devised a merit system by which a record is kept of the good deeds and the misdoings of Boy Scouts. It has worked successfully with Jacobus and has inspired the boys to be more careful in their conduct. Jacobus describes his system as follows: "A Merit and Demerit system has been put in force in the troop. To begin every member has 100 merit points to his credit. Therefore if he breaks any of the Troop Laws, Scout Laws or acts in a way unbecoming a scout he will have a certain number of points deducted for each offence. Any member getting as low as 25 points will have to come before the troop council, the members of which decide what punishment he is to receive."

Christmas Club.

Everybody needs money for Christmas. Many people have trouble in providing a sufficient amount to buy all the presents needed when the time comes. The Bloomfield Trust Company of this town, offers an easy plan to meet such a contingency. On April 1st it will start a Christmas Saving Club. Members will pay in a small amount each week for 36 weeks and at the end of that time will receive checks for the total amounts they have paid in plus an additional 3 per cent interest. The plan is simple and systematic. There will be different classes of members. For instance, one class will start in by paying one cent the first week, two cents the second week, three cents the third week, and so on for thirty-six weeks, the last week's payment amounting to 36 cents. Members in this class will receive checks two weeks before Christmas for \$6.66, with interest, or they may reverse the order of payments by paying thirty-six cents the first week and paying one cent less each succeeding week, which brings the last week's payment down to one cent. There will also be classes starting with two cents and five cents. Payments must be made promptly every week or in advance for as many weeks as may be convenient.

It will not only prove beneficial to grown people, but will prove very popular with young people. It is very simple and the details are easily understood when explained. Everybody is welcome to join and the Bloomfield Trust Company will be pleased to have those interested call and learn all about it. Those desiring to become members can join in the week beginning April 1st.

Woman's Club of Glen Ridge.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge will be held in the parlors of the Congregational Church Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at 3 o'clock. An election of officers will take place. Mrs. H. H. Bradley will sing and tea will be served. The department of art will meet Wednesdays, April 3 and 17, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the residence of Mrs. E. H. Waring, 325 Washington street, to discuss "Modern Artists." The department of civics will hold two meetings Friday, April 12, at the residence of Mrs. Louis Hinrichs, 78 Douglas road. These will be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock at night. They will be open to both men and women. Miss Bertha Freeman, secretary of the National Playground Association, will speak on the possibility of having playground direction in Glen Ridge for the summer. The meetings of the English literature department will be held at the residence of Mrs. George F. Brown, Jr., Franklin place, Thursdays, April 4 and 18. The French department will meet next Monday for conversation at the residence of Mrs. Henry Wallace, Ridgewood avenue. It will also meet Tuesdays, April 9 and 23, at the residence of Mrs. E. G. Long, Highland avenue. The department of nature study will meet Wednesday, April 10, at the residence of Mrs. F. M. Talbot, 14 Hillside avenue, and Wednesday, April 24, at the residence of Mrs. John W. Stewart, 335 Ridgewood avenue. Dr. Wilcox will lecture before the department on Thursday, April 25, on "Ecclesiastes."

Municipal Lighting Plant.

So far as the figures go, the report of Engineer Berg of the Orange municipal lighting plant, is highly encouraging. His estimates indicate that the annual cost of running the plant comes to such a sum as to make the cost, if the whole city were lighted by 408 arc lamps, about \$50 a lamp. He admits, however, that he has omitted such items as would, if taken into consideration, raise that sum to about \$60. Taking his own estimates as a basis, one finds that the price should be fixed at \$64 and a few cents more per arc lamp. That is about \$20 better than the Public Service Electric Company have done for a short term contract. Perhaps a disinterested expert might look over the plant, estimate depreciation and other items more liberally and make the cost still heavier. One thing Mr. Berg did not do, and that was to allow a share of the investment charged to the water account, to figure in his estimate of the annual fixed charges. The lighting plant is housed in a building built for a water pumping station, but the lighting plant has not been charged with its share as yet.

Second Ward Fire.

An alarm from box 44 called out the fire department Thursday morning for a fire in a frame building along the Morris canal, owned by James Murphy. The fire, it is thought, was caused by a defective flue and the loss is estimated at \$2,500. Several Polish families occupying the building saved their household belongings. The Combination Roll and Rubber Mill fire brigade rendered good assistance to the regular firemen in fighting the fire.

Repels Attack of Death.

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